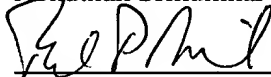


**Remarks/Arguments**

Claim 10 is cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer. For the reasons discussed in applicant's previous response, applicant submits that previous claim 10 is patentably distinguishable over the teachings of Sanpei. However, to move the prosecution of this application forward, applicant has cancelled claim 10. Claims 1-6 stand allowed.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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